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PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES

2013-2015 MRes in Economics, London School of Economics
2010-2012 MSc in Economics and Finance, University of Naples Federico II, summa cum laude
2011 MSc in Mathematics Applied to Economics and Finance (exchange student)
2007-2010 BSc in Business Economics, University of Naples Federico II, summa cum laude

DOCTORAL STUDIES

London School of Economics | 2015-2019
Thesis | Essays in Applied Microeconomics
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THESIS ADVISOR AND REFERENCES

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RESEARCH INTERESTS AND SKILLS

Applied Microeconomics, Urban economics, Political Economy, Spatial Economics, Big Data, Policy Evaluation

RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD

- 2017-2019 Course Manager, Economics B (EC102), LSE
- 2017-2018 Research Assistant for Dr Rocco Macchiavello, LSE
- 2016-2017 Research Assistant for Dr Ethan Ilzetzki and Prof Saverio Simonelli, LSE
- 2016 Consultant (Transfer Pricing), Charles River Associates, London
- 2013 Research Intern, Bank of Italy, Directorate General for Economics, Rome, Italy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017-2019 Economics B (EC102), LSE
- 2016-2019 Economics in Public Policy (EC230), LSE
- 2016-2019 Competitive Strategy and Game Theory (MG205), LSE Summer School
- 2015-2018 Political Economy for Public Policy (EC260), LSE Summer School
- 2017 Empirical Methods for Public Policy (EC445), LSE EMPA/PP
- 2017 Maths and Statistics, LSE EMPA/PP
- 2016 Intermediate Macroeconomics (EC202), LSE Summer School
- 2016 Introductory Macroeconomics (EC102), LSE Summer School
- 2014-2016 Macroeconomic Principles (EC210), LSE

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent), Italian (Native), Spanish (Advanced), French, Romanian (Basic)

AWARDS

- 2019 Excellence in Education Award, LSE
- 2015 Economics departmental funding, LSE
- 2013 ESRC Doctoral Training Award, LSE (declined)
- 2012 Bonaldo Stringher scholarship, Bank of Italy

COMPLETED PAPERS

Job Market Paper

US capitals' location and ability sorting of legislators | 2019

I exploit a novel and rich data-set with biographical information of US state legislators to investigate their sorting based on remoteness and attractiveness of the state capital. The main finding of the paper is that in more remote US state capitals the legislators are on average less educated and experienced. The results are robust to using different measures of remoteness, based on the spatial distribution of the population, and controlling for other characteristics of the legislatures. To identify the causal effect of capitals' remoteness, I use instrumental variables relying on proximity of capitals to the state centroids. Finally, I also find that legislators' education affects public good provision and corruption.

Other Papers

The role of location as a determinant of judicial performance | 2019

This paper focuses on the spatial variation in the UK criminal courts' performance across the country. I use the differences in real salary generated by a country-wide fixed wage for the category of criminal courts judges as a source of exogenous variation. The main finding of the paper is that there is a negative relationship between performance, measured as the number of non-overtaken trial sentences, and the real salary. In particular, London courts seem to perform better on average than those in the rest of the country. I interpret the results as evidence of the willingness of highly paid professionals, such as judges, to accept a negative wage premium to sort in locations with a higher level of amenities.